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1. AP SCHWEID -- WASHINGTON DEPARTURE STORY LEAD: "DECLARING THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT ARE NOWHERE NEAR AGREEMENT, SEC. OF STATE HAK LEFT TODAY ON A FOUR-DAY VISIT TO EUROPE TO PROMOTE A SINAI SETTLEMENT AND TO SPUR NUCLEAR WEAPONS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION."

"WE ARE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THE POINT OF AN AGREEMENT," KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS, ADDING THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO ADVANCE TALKS WITH THE SOVIETS."

2. INSERT IN UPI GENERAL STORY ON MIDEAST SAID HAK, SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN JUST BEFORE HE DEPARTED FOR EUROPE, SAID REPORTS THAT A NEW AGREEMENT HAS ALREADY BEEN WRAPPED UP WERE "TOTALLY WRONG". STORY SAID HAK, ASKED IF THEY WERE APPROACHING THAT POINT, REPLIED, "NO, WE ARE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THAT POINT. BUT ALL SIDES, ISRAEL AND EGYPT, ARE WORKING SERIOUSLY AND, OF COURSE, THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN PROMOTING PEACE ON A BASIS JUST TO ALL."

3. REUTERS UNSIGNED DATED LINED WASHINGTON SAID HAK "LEFT FOR EUROPE TODAY DECLARING THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT WERE NOT YET AT THE POINT OF CONCLUDING A NEW AGREEMENT ON TROOP LINES IN THE SINAI DESERT."

"RESPONDING TO A REPORTER'S QUESTION ABOUT WIDESPREAD REPORTS THAT EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAD ALREADY AGREED ON THE ESSENTIALS OF A NEW SINAI AGREEMENT, DR. KISSINGER SAID: 'TOTALLY WRONG.'"

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"ASKED WHEN THE TWO SIDES WERE AT LEAST APPROACHING THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW AGREEMENT, HE ADDED: 'NO, WE ARE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THAT POINT, BUT ALL SIDES, ISRAEL AND EGYPT, ARE WORKING SERIOUSLY.'

..."DR. KISSINGER SAID, 'I AM LEAVING FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER TO REVIEW SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND PARTICULARLY TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"OF COURSE, WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN, ALL OF WHICH IS PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO ENCOURAGE THE PROCESS OF PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST ' HE SAID.

"ASKED ABOUT REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT PROVIDE GUARANTEES FOR A NEW INTERIM SETTLEMENT, DR. KISSINGER INDICATED THAT THIS WAS ONE OF THE ELEMENTS BEING CONSIDERED.

"ANY PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS TWO ELEMENTS: THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES AND WHAT THE UNITED STATES CAN CONTRIBUTE IN THE WAY OF ANY ASSURANCES OR ACTING AS A TRANSMITTER OF ASSURANCES OF THE TWO SIDES TO EACH OTHER;' HE SAID.

"WHATEVER IT IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO DO, THE UNITED STATES WILL DO TO PROMOTE PROGRESS.,"

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4. ABC - EVENING TELEVISION -- HOWARD SMITH: "SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER LEFT TODAY FOR EUROPE AND A MEETING THIS SATURDAY IN BONN WITH THE ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER, RABIN. KISSINGER MET EARLIER THIS WEEK WITH ISRAELI AMB. SIMCHA DINITZ. BEFORE BOARDING HIS PLANE, KISSINGER TALKED BRIEFLY WITH NEWSMEN. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT THE U.S. ROLE IN THE LATEST MIDEAST PEACE MOVES." HAK: "WHATEVER IS HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO DO, THE UNITED STATES WILL DO TO PROMOTE PROGRESS." REPORTER: "MR. SECRETARY, THERE ARE REPORTS AN AGREEMENT IS ALREADY WRAPPED UP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT." HAK: "TOTALLY WRONG." REPORTER: "BUT IS IT APPROACHING THE POINT --" HAK: "NO, WE ARE NOT ANYWHERE NEAR THAT POINT, BUT ALL SIDES -- ISRAEL AND EGYPT -- ARE WORKING SERIOUSLY, AND OF COURSE THE UNITED STATES HAS REPEATEDLY EXPRESSED ITS INTEREST IN PROMOTING PEACE ON A BASIS JUST TO ALL."

5. NBC NIGHTLY NEWS-- FOLLOWING SEQUENCE FROM NBC EVENING TV NEWS QUOTED IN ENTIRETY FYI.
CHANCELLOR: "THERE ARE REPORTS TONIGHT THAT ISRAEL AND EGYPT ARE VERY CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT IN THE SINAI DESERT. PRESIDENT SADAT OF EGYPT GAVE INTERVIEWERS THAT IMPRESSION: ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER RABIN, IN A CAREFULLY WORDED STATEMENT, DIDN'T SEEM TO RULE IT OUT; SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SAID THAT, WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO FINAL AGREEMENT, BOTH SIDES WERE WORKING SERIOUSLY. SOME OF THE DETAILS OF THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT WERE AVAILABLE IN ISRAEL TODAY. HERE IS A REPORT FROM OUR MAN IN TEL AVIV, STEVE DELANEY."

DELANEY: "THERE'S A STRONG FEELING HERE IN ISRAEL THAT UNLESS SOMETHING GOES TERRIBLY WRONG THIS WEEK, THERE WILL IN FACT BE AN AGREEMENT BY THE WEEKEND. THE CLIMAX TO ALL THE NEGOTIATING WILL COME ON SATURDAY, IN GERMANY, WHEN PM RABIN MEETS WITH HENRY KISSINGER. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT RABIN DOES HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT EGYPT'S RESPONSE TO THE LATEST ISRAELI OFFER IF THAT RESPONSE CONTAINS THE EGYPTIAN CONCESSIONS HE'S BEEN INSISTING ON. AND THE WORD IN JERUSALEM IS THAT EGYPT HAS LATELY BEEN MORE FLEXIBLE.. WHAT IS NOT YET SETTLED IS ONE MAJOR POINT -- WHERE TO DRAW THE LINE MARKING THE EAST END OF THE MITLA AND GIODI PASSES.. THAT LINE MUST BE DRAWN SO THE EGYPTIANS CAN SAY THEY HAVE ALL THE PASSES AND THE ISRAELIS CAN SAY THEY RETAIN A FOOTHOLD. ACCORDING TO A RANKING OFFICIAL IN JERUSALEM, THESE ARE THE POINTS WHICH HAVE

BEEN RESOLVED: BOTH SIDES NOW ACCEPT THE PRESENCE OF A SMALL UNIT OF AMERICAN MILITARY TECHNICIANS TO STAFF THE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THE ISRAELIS INSIST ON KEEPING NEAR THE PASSES. THE AGREEMENT WOULD RUN FOR THREE AND A HALF YEARS, WITH BOTH SIDES PROMISING NO WAR DURING THAT TIME. IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS AFTER ITS ANNOUNCEMENT TO GIVE THE ISRAELIS TIME TO COMPLETE A NEW DEFENSIVE LINE. THERE WILL BE NO INSISTENCE ON PARALLEL MOVEMENT ON THE SYRIAN FRONT. ISRAELI CARGOES WILL BE ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH THE SUEZ; ALTHOUGH THAT IS AN UNFULFILLED PART OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. THE ABU RUDEIS OILFIELDS WILL GO BACK TO EGYPT. EGYPT APPEARS READY TO TONE DOWN ITS ANTI-ISRAELI PROPAGANDA

AND TO BACK OFF SOMEWHAT FROM THE ARAB ECONOMIC BOYCOTT. THE UNITED STATES WILL GUARANTEE ISRAEL'S SECURITY AND PROVIDE THE WEAPONS THE ISRAELIS HAVE BEEN SEEKING. NONE OF THIS, OF COURSE, IS LOCKED UP YET. IT COULD STILL GO SOUR IF RABIN IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE EGYPTIAN CONCESSIONS KISSINGER IS BRINGING HIM ON SATURDAY. IF RABIN DOES ACCEPT, THERE WILL STILL BE PROBLEMS, AND THERE MAY BE ANOTHER KISSINGER SHUTTLE TO IRON OUT THOSE PROBLEMS. BUT THE ESSENTIAL AGREEMENT WILL HAVE BEEN REACHED, WHETHER OR NOT IT IS ANNOUNCED RIGHT AWAY. SO, WHEN THE ISRAELI CABINET MEETS AGAIN IN JERUSALEM ON SUNDAY, IT MAY NOT BE TO DEBATE A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT; IT MAY BE ONLY TO RATIFY ONE ALREADY ACCEPTED BY THE PRIME MINISTER IN GERMANY ON SATURDAY."

CHANCELLOR: "IN JERUSALEM, THE ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER, YIGAL ALLON, TOLD PARLIAMENT AN AGREEMENT WOULD INCLUDE FIRM AMERICAN GUARANTEES. AND IN EGYPT, PRESIDENT SADAT HAS TOLD INTERVIEWERS FROM THE HEARST NEWSPAPERS THAT THE BASIC OUTLINES OF AN AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN REACHED. HE SAID THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE A DE-FUSION OF THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION. BUT SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, WHO LEFT TODAY FOR A EUROPEAN TRIP -- HE'LL MEET PM RABIN ON SATURDAY -- DENIED PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT A DEAL HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE. BUT HE DIDN'T DENY THAT ONE MIGHT BE MADE." (THE SAME ANDREWS DEPARTURE COMMENTS QUOTED ABOVE FROM ABC THEN FOLLOWED."

6. CBS' MUDD: "FROM EGYPT, ISRAEL AND THE UNITED STATES TODAY CAME THREE DIFFERENT ASSESSMENTS OF THE CHANCES OF A NEW SINAI PEACE SETTLEMENT. EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT INDICATED THE UNITED STATES HAS NEGOTIATED A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT THAT INCLUDES ISRAELI RETURN OF SINAI OILFIELDS. IN WEST BERLIN, HOWEVER, ISRAELI PM RABIN CAUTIONED THAT KEY ISSUES REMAIN UNSOLVED. AND SECSTATE KISSINGER PUT A REAL DAMPER ON THE STORY. AT ANDREWS AFB, WHERE HE WAS PREPARING TO LEAVE ON A FOUR-DAY EUROPEAN TRIP, KISSINGER TALKED WITH REPORTERS." (SAME 'TOTALLY WRONG' SEQUENCE FOLLOWED, AS IN ABC AND NBC).

7. FROM PARIS, REUTER FILED ARRIVAL STORY: "SEC. OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER ARRIVED HERE TONIGHT ON THE FIRST STAGE OF A FOUR-NATION EUROPEAN TOUR DURING WHICH HE WILL HAVE TALKS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, THE OIL PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE AND OTHER WORLD PROBLEMS.

"DR. KISSINGER TOLD REPORTERS ON ARRIVAL AT ORLY AIRPORT HERE: 'I PLAN TO REVIEW WITH MY COLLEAGUE, MR. SAUVAGNARGUES, MANY BILATERAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES OF COMMON CONCERN ON WORLD AFFAIRS.

"'AS YOU KNOW, WE ATTACH VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CLOSEST COORDINATION OF OUR POLICY WITH THAT OF FRANCE, AND I AM SURE THAT MY CONVERSATIONS HERE TOMORROW WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THIS END.'"

"DR. KISSINGER, WHO VISITED PARIS FOR TWO DAYS IN MAY, WHEN HE HAD BREAKFAST TALKS WITH PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING, IS NOT LIKELY TO MEET THE FRENCH PRESIDENT ON THIS TRIP, FRENCH OFFICIALS SAID.

"THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS EXPECTED TO FOCUS HIS TALKS WITH MR. SAUVAGNARGUES ON THE OIL PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE WHICH WAS INTERRUPTED LAST APRIL, THE OFFICIALS SAID."

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